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SUBJECT: CCMS: US SUPPORT FOR ITALIAN INVITATION TO
HEAD CCMS SPRING PLENARY IN TURIN

REF: USNATO 6226

1. DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NATO SYG LUNS FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO ITALIAN INVITATION TO HOLD CCMS SPRING PLENARY IN TURIN AND HIS PLANS TO RAISE MATTER IN COUNCIL IN EARLY JANUARY. EMBASSIES URGED TO COMMUNICATE STRONG US SUPPORT FOR ITALIAN INVITATION AND REASONS FOR IT DESCRIBED BELOW TO APPROPRIATE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS IN ALL NATO CAPITALS.

2. SYG LUNS HAS CIRCULATED TO PERMREPS AT NATO
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HEADQUARTERS ITALIAN LETTER OF INVITATION TO HOLD

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SPRING PLENARY IN TURIN. THIS ACTION FOLLOWS PATTERN OF CANADIAN INVITATION LAST SPRING WHICH WAS ACCEPTED BY PERMREPS DESPITE INITIAL COMPLAINT ABOUT EXTRA COSTS OF HOLDING CCMS PLENARIES OUTSIDE OF NATO HEADQUARTERS. ALL AGREE THAT CANADIAN HOSTED PLENARY IN OTTAWA WAS A SUCCESS. ITALIANS HAVE GENEROUSLY OFFERED TO PROVIDE ALL MEETING FACILITIES AND PAY EXPENSES FOR NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF.

3. TURIN IS ESPECIALLY A PROPRIATE CITY FOR CCMS PLENARY AS MUCH CCMS ACTIVITY HAS TAKEN PLACE THERE. TURIN TOOK PART IN THE CCMS AIR POLLUTION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM, AND THE EXPERIMENTAL SAFETY VEHICLE PROJECT. CCMS ROAD SAFETY AND AIR POLLUTION EXPERTS MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD IN TURIN.

4. USNATO 6226 CONTAINS A GOOD STATEMENT IN MORE DETAIL OF ADVANTAGES OF HOLDING AN OCCASIONAL CCMS PLENARY OUTSIDE OF BRUSSELS. IN BRIEF THESE ARE, (1) GREATER PUBLICITY IN NEW SETTING FOR CCMS AND ITS ACTIVITIES, (2) ADDED RECOGNITION TO HOST GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS, (3) RESULTING GREATER ALLIED FAMILIARITY WITH ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICIALS AND PROGRAMS IN HOST COUNTRY.

5. WE ASSUME ITALIANS WILL ALSO URGE ALLIED ACCEPTANCE IN NAC OF ITALIAN INVITATION. WE WISH TO COMMUNICATE TO ALLIES OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR ITALIAN INVITATION. SUCH US SUPPORT ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN BONN AND LONDON. FRG HAS IN PAST BEEN LEAST ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HOLDING CCMS PLENARIES OUTSIDE OF BRUSSELS ON GROUNDS OF EXTRA EXPENSE FOR CCMS DELEGATIONS. ADDED EXPENSE WOULD BE VERY SMALL AMOUNT AND CLEARLY A GOOD INVESTMENT IN TERMS OF ADVANTAGES TO CCMS AND ALLIED ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS.

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